



The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at Baha Mar

Royal Blue Golf Course | Nassau, Bahamas | January 19-22, 2020

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Quick Facts

Golf Course: Royal Blue Golf Course (Par 72 / 7,153 yards)

Course Designer: Jack Nicklaus

Purse: \$600,000 (Winner: \$108,000 / 500 points)

Golf Channel Coverage: Sunday: 12-2pm ET | Monday: 2-5pm ET | Tuesday: 2-5pm ET | Wednesday: 1:30-4:30pm ET

PGA TOUR Live Coverage: Sunday: 9am-5pm ET | Monday: 9am-5pm ET | Tuesday: 11am-5pm ET | 10:30am-4:30pm ET

Field Overview (as of January 17)

- 37 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 63 career victories
- 12 PGA TOUR winners with 22 career victories
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- [Power Rankings](#)

Past Champions

All three of the former champions of The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at Baha Mar have gone on to earn their PGA TOUR card for the following year. In 2017, Andrew Landry went 4-under over his final six holes to win by three strokes over Jimmy Gunn. The following season, Landry became a PGA TOUR champion at the 2018 Valero Texas Open.

In 2018, Adam Svensson edged Sungjae Im by one stroke in Im's attempt to win back-to-back on the Korn Ferry Tour to begin his career. Svensson went on to finish 14th on the money list to earn his TOUR card, while Im went on to be named Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year/Rookie of the Year in 2018, and PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year in 2018-19. Im was a member of the International Team at the 2019 Presidents Cup where he posted an impressive 3-1-1 record in his debut.

In 2019, Puerto Rican Rafael Campos went 3-under on the back nine in windy conditions to hang on for an emotional victory over Georgia Tech alum Vincent Whaley. Both finishes were enough for Campos and Whaley as each got their PGA TOUR card late in the Regular Season. Whaley missed the cut at the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz and had to sit and wait through the weekend to see if his points total would be enough.

Tournament History

Entering its fourth year, The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at Baha Mar has traditionally produced a strong test for golfers early in the season. While the tournament will be played at Baha Mar in 2020 (compared to the normal host site of The Abaco Club), wind will continue to be a factor in the northern portion of The Bahamas. At 7-under, Rafael Campos' winning score at the 2019 tournament was the highest (in relation to par) of the year on the Korn Ferry Tour. The tournament moved to Royal Blue Golf Course at Baha Mar in 2020 after Hurricane Dorian hit the island of Great Abaco in September of 2019. Proceeds from the 2020 tournament will go towards Hurricane Dorian relief.

Year	Champion	Scores	To Par	Margin
2019	Rafael Campos	70-69-72-70 — 281	-7	1

2018	Adam Svensson	68-67-68-68 — 271	-17	1
2017	Andrew Landry	71-68-66-67 — 272	-16	3

Course Information

Opened in April 2017, Royal Blue Golf Course will provide the backdrop to a Korn Ferry Tour event for the first time. Similar to last week at Sandals Emerald Bay, the Jack Nicklaus-designed Royal Blue Golf Course features two distinct nines. The front nine features rolling sand dunes, ponds, and glimpses of the ocean. The back nine showcases a much different look, as players navigate limestone “moonscapes” through jungle and steep terrain. The course is highlighted by its signature hole, normally the 16th hole but played as the 14th this week. The 165-yard, downhill par-3 forces competitors to aim at an intimidating island green. The 15th hole will be a drivable par-4 while a finishing par-5 (only 510 yards) will allow scoring opportunities down the stretch.

By the Numbers: Royal Blue Golf Course

Longest hole: No. 2 (par 5, 626 yards)

Shortest hole: No. 14 (par 3, 165 yards)

Tournament Record (18 holes): 64 (-8), 2017 – Vince Covello – Second Round

Tournament Record (72 holes): 271 (-17), 2018 – Adam Svensson

Course Record (Royal Blue Golf Course): 7-under 65 – Justin Rose

Top Five to Watch

- **John Oda** – The 23-year-old will look to continue his impressive streak at Korn Ferry Tour events on islands. Oda has tallied three straight top-five finishes on islands (two at The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic and once at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic). The UNLV product finished T2 last week.
- **Dylan Wu** – Entering his first season with full status on the Korn Ferry Tour, Wu made his first start at The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay last week and proceeded to finish T2.
- **Will Zalatoris** – The former Wake Forest standout made waves last week with a third-round 65 – the low round of the week – and an eventual T4 finish. Zalatoris, a former first team All-American, is beginning his first season with full status on the Korn Ferry Tour.
- **Ryan Ruffels** – After earning guaranteed starts at Q-School in December, Ruffels made his Korn Ferry Tour debut last week in Exuma and finished T11. With the early top-25, the Australian will set up well in the reshuffle to earn starts through the year.
- **Nick Hardy** – Though he missed the cut at the season-opening event last week, Hardy has the career resume thus far to suggest a bounce back. The former Palmer Cup team member (while at the University of Illinois) finished T5 at Q-School.

Chase for The 25

With the 2020 season underway, all eyes turn to the Korn Ferry Tour’s 2020 Regular Season points list. The points list replaced the money list prior to the 2019 season as the system to ascend to earn one of the 25 PGA TOUR cards awarded at the end of the Regular Season in Portland. At the conclusion of the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz, the top-25 point earners will receive their PGA TOUR cards. Additionally, the top-75 players in Korn Ferry Tour points (plus ties) will be eligible to play in the Korn Ferry Tour Finals.

Rank	Name	Points
1.	Tommy Gainey	500
2.	John Oda	245
	Dylan Wu	245
4.	George Cunningham	109
	Will Zalatoris	109
	Jose de Jesus Rodriguez	109
	Sean O’Hair	109

Season Recap

1. *The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay* – Tommy Gainey birdied his final three holes to pull away from the field and earn the first title of the 2019 season. It was the 44-year-old's first win since the 2012 RSM Classic on the PGA TOUR.

About Korn Ferry Tour

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